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THE FIQH OF WUDOO'

Rule: Every righteous/good action must be done sincerely & accordingly

ALLAH WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY GOOD OR RIGHTEOUS DEED UNLESS IT'S STIPULATED WITH TWO BASIC CONDITIONS (WHICH MUST BE FULFILLED): THE DEED MUST BE DONE SINCERELY FOR HIS SAKE & IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPHETIC TRADITIONS - SUNNAT AR-RASOOL.

IF AN ACTION IS DONE 99.9% FOR ALLAH AND 0.01% FOR SOMETHING ELSE (I.E., FAME, WEALTH, ETC.), ALLAH WILL NOT ACCEPT IT!

"SAY, 'INDEED, MY PRAYER, MY RITES OF SACRIFICE, MY LIVING AND MY DYING ARE FOR ALLAH, LORD OF THE WORLDS.'"
SURAT AL-AN'AM, AYAH 162

ALLAH ORDERED FOR US TO FOLLOW THE MESSENGER ﷺ IN OUR WORSHIP:

"...AND WHATEVER THE MESSENGER HAS GIVEN YOU — TAKE; AND WHAT HE HAS FORBIDDEN YOU — REFRAIN FROM..."
SURAT AL-HASHR, AYAH 7

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INTRODUCTION TO

WUDOO'

Wudoo' is a state of purity that is a mandatory requirement for the validity of the prayer. It must be done prior to performing prayer; that is, if one is not already in a state of wudoo'.

Wudoo' (ablution) literally means purification. It has many merits including that of illumination & radiance.

The fundamental, most important rule is: whatever helps in fulfilling a duty becomes a duty in & of itself. Therefore your prayer is not valid without wudoo'. Allah will not accept the prayer from anyone if he breaks his wudoo' until he renews it, nor will He accept the prayer of the one who did not perform wudoo'.

Surat Al-Ma'idah, Ayah 6

O you who believed, when you rise (to perform) prayer, wash your faces and your forearms to the elbows and wipe over your heads and wash your feet to the ankles. And if you're in a state of janaabah, then purify yourselves. But if you are ill or on a journey or one of you comes from the place of relieving himself or you have contacted women and do not find water, then seek clean Earth and wipe over your faces and hands with it. Allah does not intend to make difficulty for you, but He intends to purify you and complete His favour upon you that you may be grateful.

THE PRECONDITIONS OF WUDOO'

Be a Muslim (not specific to wudoo' but to all acts of worship).

The insane one is not required to perform wudoo' until sanity is gained.

Any impurities on the body & private areas must be removed prior to performing wudoo'.

Anything that prevents water from reaching the skin, which thereby prevents the validity of the wudoo', must be removed (i.e., nail polish, thick paint, wax, etc.).

Doing one or both of the following is recommended (prior to wudoo'):
Al-Istijmaar – Cleaning the private areas with toilet paper and its likes.
Al-Istinjaa' – Cleaning the private areas with water.

The water used for wudoo' must be pure and lawfully obtained.

Be awake & aware.

Make the intention as solely for the sake of Allah in your heart.

Start wudoo' by saying, "Bismillah" ("In the name of Allah"). Forgetting to do so does not invalidate wudoo'.

Those unable to perform wudoo' (due to injury/illness, or the possibility of it causing harm) are permitted by the Shari'ah to not make wudoo'. However, Tayyamum (dry ablution) is required.

Wudoo' is not required if one is already in a state of wudoo'. However, renewing wudoo' is encouraged.

The criteria for wudoo' to be accepted is that one must have reached the age of puberty/maturity.

The steps of wudoo' must be performed in the order the Prophet ﷺ performed them.

The steps of wudoo' must be done consecutively–there should be no long gaps between the steps. Short gaps are acceptable.

OBLIGATORY SUNNAH

Wudoo' Part II

THE STEPS OF WUDOO'

"O you who believed, when you rise (to perform) prayer, wash your faces and your forearms to the elbows and wipe over your heads and wash your feet to the ankles..."

Al-Ma'idah Ayah 6

Start with the right organs before the left (e.g., wash the right arm first then the left arm).

HANDS

x3

Start wudoo' by washing the hands three times.

1

ISTINSHAAQ

x3

Inhale the water through the nose & rinse the mouth. Then spit out the water/blow it out from the nose using the left hand.

WIPING THE FACE

x3

Wipe from the hairline to the lower parts of the jaw, & from tragus to tragus.

2

WASHING THE FOREARMS & ELBOWS

x3

Wash each hand from the fingertips & nails, up to & including the elbows.

3

WIPING THE HEAD

x1

Connect the fingertips of both hands & start from the hairline, going down to the end of the head & back up. No need to wipe down all the hair, just the head.

EARS

x1

Place wet index fingers inside the ears & use the thumbs to wipe the outside/back of the ears.

4

WASHING THE FEET

x3

Wash the feet up to & including the ankles. Washing the feet (up to the ankles) is obligatory. However, it's Sunnah to rub in the water.

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Wudoo' Part III

DURING/AFTER WUDOO'

Istinshaaq should be done moderately when fasting.

Doing istinshaaq separately is still acceptable.

Using the siwaak during wudoo' is Sunnah.

Takhaalul: Running wet fingers through one's beard.

Run fingers between fingers/toes/knuckles–to ensure water reaches those areas.

Cleaning between the teeth is Sunnah.

Performing wudoo' properly does not require excessive amounts of water. A Muslim must be cautious of wasting water during wudoo' (& always).

After Completing Wudoo' Say:

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا
شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنَ التَّوَّابِينَ
وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنَ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ

"I testify that there is no one worthy of worship but Allah, He is Alone and has no partner and I testify that Muhammad is His slave and His Messenger, Oh Allah! Include me among those who repent often and those who keep themselves pure."

After reciting this, the eight gates of heaven will open for you, and you will be told to enter from any gate you want!

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WIPING OVER THE KHUFFAIN/SOCKS

"Allah loves to see His slaves take advantage of what He has permitted."

CONDITIONS FOR WIPING:

1. The socks must have been legally obtained.
2. The socks should be free from any impurities.
3. The socks should not have drawings/ faces on them.
4. The socks must cover the feet up to the ankles. If not, wiping over them is impermissible.
5. The socks must be worn in a state of purity/wudoo'.
6. Wiping over socks only applies to minor ritual impurity. It cannot be done for major ritual impurities like Ghusl for Janabah.
7. Wiping must be done for the duration of its fixed time & not exceed it.

DIRECTIONS FOR WIPING:

Spread your wet fingers & wipe over the socks from the toes & move upward toward the leg. Use the right hand for the right foot & left hand for the left foot. This should be done once.

THE TRAVELLER

Can wear & wipe over the socks up to a period of 3 days & 3 nights. If one continues to travel after the prescribed period, he/she should remove them & make ablution (wash the feet during it). Then, he/she should put the khuffain/socks back on & the time limit will reset. One can continue to wipe over them for another 3 days & 3 nights. This cycle continues as long as one is travelling.

THE RESIDENT

Can wear & wipe over socks for 1 day & night. When the 24 hours is over, they must remove the socks/perform wudoo' normally. If desired they can wear the socks again & wipe over them for another 24 hours.

IN ADDITION:

One must be in a state of wudoo' prior to wearing the socks & if they want to wipe over them.

Removing the socks does not invalidate wudoo'.

These same rules apply to wiping over shoes. However, any impurities on the shoes must be removed.

It doesn't matter what kind of socks you wear or how thick/thin they are.

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Wudoo' Part V

THE NULLIFIERS OF WUDOO'

- Apostasy.
- Anything that comes from the front/back passage (e.g., stool, wind, urination, blood, etc.).
- Anything that excessively leaves the body (e.g., when someone gets injured, organs could come out, etc.).
- Mental unconsciousness (e.g., fainting, deep sleep, etc.).
- Eating camel meat. This matter is disputed, but it remains safer to make wudoo' regardless.
- Touching the private areas with desire.
- Making ghusl after washing the dead is better for hygiene, but not compulsory.

Narrated by 'Aisha: *Faatima bint Abu Hubaish came to the Prophet and said, "O Messenger of Allah, I am a woman whose blood keeps flowing (even after the menstruation period). I am never purified. Should I, therefore, abandon the prayers?"* He (ﷺ) said, *"No, for that is only (blood from) a vein, and is not menstruation. So, when the menstruation comes, abstain from prayers, and when it ends, wash the blood from yourself and then pray."*
AGREED UPON

QUESTION:
Does the blood of the vein invalidate wudoo'? No, the part of the hadith where it says to make wudoo' for each prayer is not the saying of the Prophet (ﷺ).

Wudoo’ Part VI

TAYYAMUM

The Prophet ﷺ said: *“The soil of the Earth has been made for us as a means of purification if/when we do not find water.”*

Tayyamum is a substitute for wudoo’ for those permitted by the Shari’ah under certain conditions.

CONDITIONS TO UTILIZE TAYYAMUM:

1. When there is no water available to use.
2. Insufficient water (in the case where there is enough water to wash only some of the organs, perform tayyamum for the rest).
3. A possibility of harm.
4. If the person is sick & cannot use water.
5. An actual fear of getting sick.

Tayyamum can be performed using Earth (e.g., soil, sand, etc.).

HOW TO PERFORM TAYYAMUM:

1. Make the intention.
2. Strike both palms on the Earth, if some dust gets on them blow it off, then pass them on the back of each hand. Some scholars said to take it all the way to the elbows, whilst others held just the back of the palms as sufficient.
3. Wipe over your face.

One can strike twice (separately for the wiping of the hands & face).

x2

In the case of obligatory ghusl, for the one who cannot use water or doesn’t have water, tayyamum is sufficient.

Narrated by ibn ‘Umar: Allah’s Messenger ﷺ said, *“Tayyamum (purifying with the soil) consists of two strikings of the soil, one for the face and one for the hands up to the elbows.”* Reported by Ad-Daaraqutni

TO CONCLUDE:

- The same nullifiers of wudoo’ apply to tayyamum.
- Utilizing tayyamum remains valid as long as the Shar’i excuse is present.
- For the one who made tayyamum due to a lack of water, wudoo’ must be performed as soon as there is access to water.
- The one who made tayyamum is not required to make-up any prayers performed during that state.

Wudoo' Part VII
SPECIAL CASES

The Prophet ﷺ said, *"If I command you with something, then do (of) it as much as you can."* Bukhari & Muslim

If someone washes what he/she has of an amputated limb & its likes, that will be sufficient (e.g., he is not required to wash what he does not have of the arm, only what he has of it).

If there is nothing of what is required to be washed in wudoo' for a certain limb, one is to wash the tip of the limb.

If those with a prosthetic limb are unable to wash it like in wudoo', it's okay to leave it.

If someone is shackled & there is no water for wudoo', & there is no Earth in the cell to make tayyamum, prayer can be offered without wudoo'. It is not required to make these prayers up later.

One should do wudoo' according to their own capacity.

JABEERA:

The sick one can continue to make tayyamum until he/she recovers.

For the injured one who can't use water to wash a certain limb (or is missing the limb), it is sufficient to have the water touch around whatever they can of it (e.g., if one has a cast on, he/she can wipe over it for as long as it is needed on).

"Once, we were on a journey and one of us was injured in his head by a stone. Then that man had a wet dream, so he asked his companions, 'Is it permissible for me to perform Tayyamum?' They answered him saying, 'We do not see any legal permission for you as you are able to use water.' So, the man had a ritual bath after which he died. When we came to Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him), we told him about this. He (the Prophet) said, 'They killed him; may Allah kill them! Why did they not ask when being ignorant, for inquiry is the cure for ignorance? It would have been sufficient for him to perform Tayammum (instead of ablution) and to bandage his wound with a piece of cloth over and then to wipe over it (the piece of cloth).'"

-Abu Dawood & Ibn Majah

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Wudoo’ Part VIII

MERITS OF WUDOO’

The Prophet ﷺ once told Bilaal, *“O Bilaal, I heard your footsteps in front of me in paradise, inform me about the best thing you do!”* Then Bilaal replied, *“O Prophet of Allah, I never made ablution -day or night - except that I offered prayer as much as Allah helped me to offer after it.”*

The Prophet ﷺ said: *“When a Muslim or a believer washes his face in wudoo’, then every sin that he committed with his eyes will be washed away with the last drop of water. When he washes his hands, then every sin that he committed with his hands will be washed away with the last drop of water. When he washes his feet, then every sin that he committed with his feet will be washed away with the last drop of water, until he emerges purified from sin.”*

The Prophet ﷺ said, *"Shall I not tell you something by which Allah erases the sins and elevates the ranks (in Jannah)?"* The Companions said: *"Yes (please tell us), O Messenger of Allah."* He said, *"Performing the wudoo' properly in spite of difficult circumstances…"* (i.e., if the weather is cold, or there’s a shortage of water, or you sleep then get up, or you’re feeling sick/tired, travelling, etc., as long as you’re not putting yourself and your health at risk).

The Prophet ﷺ one time said, *“I wish I could see my brothers.”* The Prophet’s companions (may Allah be pleased with them all) who were surrounding him in the assembly said, *“Are we not your brothers O Messenger of Allah?”* He replied, *“No, you are my companions.”* Then they asked, *“Who are your brothers?”* The Prophet ﷺ replied, *“They are those who come after us, they have not seen me nor met me but they found the Quran and Sunnah and followed it and believed in it. They don’t come now, they will come after us.”* They asked him, *“How will you know/recognize them?”* The Prophet ﷺ replied, *“By the marks and traces of wudoo’ (which they performed).”*

A SINCERE ADVICE:

- Strive to maintain a state of wudoo’ at all times.
- Have wudoo’ when seeking knowledge, going out, sleeping, & betwen prayers.
- Wudoo’ is illumination. Each drop of water erases sin & testifies for you on the Day of Judgement.

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